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SUBJECT: CSCE: MINI- GROUP ON MILITARY SECURITY DISCUSSES CONFI-  
DENCE BUILDING MEASURES AND DISARMAMENT

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1. SUMMARY. ON INFORMAL BASIS, UK REP OFFERED NEW LANGUAGE ON  
CBM'S TO WHICH USSR AND GDR REACTED POSITIVELY EXCEPT FOR  
SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS ON USE OF TERM " MOVEMENT." UK AND OTHERS  
ATTEMPTED ELICIT EASTERN EXPLANATION FOR RELUCTANCE TO  
INCLUDE " MOVEMENTS" IN CBM FORMULATION. ROMANIANS TABLED  
SWEEPING DISARMAMENT PARAGRAPH. WHEN MINI- GROUP HAS  
COMPILED FULL COMPENDIUM OF PROPOSALS WE WILL FORWARD IT  
TO WASHINGTON AND USNATO. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MACH 22 MEETING OF MINI- GROUP ON MILITARY SECURITY MANDATE,  
UK REP ( FALL) INTRODUCED NEW LANGUAGE ON CONFIDENCE- BUILDING  
MEASURES ( DISCUSSED AT NATO CAUCUS MORNING MARCH 22) DESIGNED  
TOWARDS OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY WORDS " MUTUAL,"  
" IN SPECIFIED AREAS," AND " UPON INVITATION" IN GDR TEXT, BY  
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SUBSTITUTING PHRASE " ON A BASIS TO BE SPECIFIED BY THE CONFERENCE. SOVIET REP ( MENDELEVICH) AND GDR REP ( BOCK) REACTED POSITIVELY BUT OBJECTED STRONGLY TO CONTINUED REFERENCE TO NOTIFICATION OF TROOP " MOVEMENTS."

3. UK REP, SUPPORTED BY US, ITALY, AND NETHERLANDS, ARGUED THAT DROPPING TERM " MOVEMENT" WOULD INDICATE THERE EXISTS RANGE OF POTENTIAL MAJOR MILITARY ACTIVITY WHICH CERTAIN COUNTRIES WOULD BE UNWILLING TO NOTIFY. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY WEAKEN CBM BUT MIGHT REPRESENT NEW SOURCE OF POTENTIAL MISTRUST AND MISUNDERSTANDING. GDR REP REPLIED THAT MOVEMENTS CONNECTED WITH MANEUVERS

SHOULD BE NOTIFIED BUT NOT RPT NOT ORDINARY TROOP ROTATIONS. HE ASKED UK REP WHETHER HMG WOULD NOTIFY MOVEMENT OF BAOR UNITS BETWEEN FRG AND UK. MENDELEVICH INQUIRED WHETHER US WOULD BE WILLING TO NOTIFY ORDINARY TROOP ROTATIONS. UK AND US REPS RESPONDED THAT MEASURE CONTEMPLATES ONLY " MAJOR" MOVEMENTS, BUT IN ANY CASE THIS TYPE OF SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION COULD ONLY BE ADDRESSED IN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. YUGOSLAVIA MAINTAINED ITS SEPARATE CBM ON LIMITATIONS ON MILITARY MANEUVERS.

4. MINI- GROUP BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF LANGUAGE TO FLESH OUT PARA FOUR OF SWEIDSH OUTLINE ( HELSINKI 689) WITH INTRODUCTION OF SEVERAL TEXTS, INCLUDING SWEEPING ROMANIAN PARAGRAPH ON MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT ALONG LINES REPORTED HELSINKI 613.

5. COMMENT: SOVIET AND GDR DELS WILL EVENTUALLY EITHER HAVE TO PLACE HIGHLY- CONSPICUOUS BRACKETS AROUND " MOVEMENTS," ACCEPT THIS TERM, OR OFFER A NEW FORMULATION. IN THE MEANTIME, ALLIED REPS WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE FORMULATION IN THE ITALIAN ( I. E., NATO) MANDATE CALLING FOR NOTIFICATION OF " MAJOR MOVEMENTS" AND MANEUVERS. WHITE

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